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Romulus not the first to sell 'poor defenseless dogs' to labs

The article in Sound Off, May 3, 2001, "City's sale of dogs to research labs is unheard of," I think that is probably taken out of context. It is heard of.

There's a man in Howell who has been collecting dogs all over Wayne County and selling them to research labs.

It was some years ago that I became involved in this, and I can't believe Romulus is doing it.

I feel sickened now that I had previously recommended people to the dog pound because I had been told they were being euthanized after being reassured that they were not being sold to research labs.

This fine citizen complained that Mayor Oakley is allowing this to happen. It's incomprehensible. I can't believe he is allowing it to happen to poor defenseless dogs.

Who collects the money? Does it go to the city, the dogcatcher, or to DPW? If they're getting money for the dogs — shame on them.

A skate park will be a waste of money for 50 people

This young adult thinks \$300,000 is a lot of money to waste on 50-plus athletes that can skate anywhere in the city.

Why do we spend money on just a few people?

We should let richer communities build these sport facilities. That way, once the fad is over, we're not stuck with \$300,000 worth of useless pavement.

Westland, don't try to be cutting edge now. Learn to spend our money wisely. We will never reap anything from this venture.

See expanded Sound Off in May 13 Eyewitness

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"We don't sell dogs for research!"

but local kennel sells to MSU, U of M

By GENA GIANNUZZI
MCN Staff Writer

The controversy surrounding animals being used for medical research has become an issue in Romulus as a Metro Detroit news station aired a story alleging the Romulus Animal Shelter was selling dogs for research. The story has stirred up anger from animal rights activists with some calling the Romulus shelter inhumane.

However, Romulus Ordinance Officer Hulen Yates insists that the report was skewed, and included many false claims that can easily be proven wrong.

Yates said, "We have never sold a dog for research. We pay Hodgins Kennels \$325 per month to dispose of euthanized animals. The Romulus Shelter doesn't sell any animals for research." However, Hodgins is also allowed to take unwanted animals that haven't been adopted.

"Around 1300 animals were euthanized last year, with only 39 animals taken that were alive. We never got a dime for one of them," said Yates. Yates added, "We would love to adopt them all out."

Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews said, "Most animal shelters will hold animals for only 3 days and then they are euthanized. The Romulus animal shelter holds animals for a minimum of 4 days, but if there is an animal that Hodgins wants live then it is held for a minimum of 5 days with one required Saturday before it is released to Hodgins."

Yates included, "We usually keep animals a lot longer, and try to adopt them out. We euthanize them after 4 days usually only if the animal is sick or violent."

Fred Hodgins, owner of Hodgins Kennels, defended his business practices. "The euthanized animals are picked up and cremated, and the live animals are sold to major universities, such as MSU, U of M, Henry Ford, Wayne State University, and Beaumont Hospital, for medical research. None are sold for cosmetic research," he said.

In arguing that dogs are essential in medical research to save human lives, Hodgins said, "Only dogs can be used for research involving kidney transplants, heart valve replacements, hip replacement surgery, and others. It isn't inhumane. It is done under strict regulations."

He added, "Veterinarians oversee this research. They are not treated inhumanely. Many are adopted out when they are done with the project. We frequently

get requests for friendly pets because they intend to find homes for them when the project is done.

Of the benefits to human life, Hodgins included, "There is a break real soon for artificial kidneys that are being done on dogs we get from these shelters. This will be the break of the century for people who need kidney transplants."

Only 8 - 10 shelters across the state participate with Hodgins, who obtains less than 1000 dogs from shelters for medical research. "This is far less than the

Michigan Humane Society kills in a year. If the dogs are just killed then they can't help anyone. It isn't about animals being used for medical research as much as it is about children waiting for a cure. Not helping these kids, now that is inhumane."

Veterinarian Howard Rush, Director of the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine at U of M said, "We provide the care for animals being used for research." U of M hospital uses around 600 dogs per year for medical research.

"There are several hundred agents that conduct research on

are bred purposely for research with 40% from random sources such as pounds, across the state. The issue is that if we can't use animals that come from pounds then we have to breed more dogs which have to die. The 40% which come from the pounds have to die anyway. Why create more dogs when there are already dogs that no one wants to adopt? The bigger problem is pet overpopulation. There are 10 to 20 million dogs and cats that are killed every year because they are unwanted. In my mind that is a much bigger issue. As a veterinarian, I feel that

Spring Clean-Up On Tap

May 12th is the annual Spring Clean-Up day for the city of Romulus. Volunteers are needed to adopt a part of the city they wish to clean or to join others to clean assigned areas.

Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at city hall where they will receive supplies and assignments. Cleaning will continue until 2 p.m. A lunch will be provided for all volunteers at Romulus High School.

The following Saturday Romulus residents are being given one week of free dumping privileges at dumpsters to be temporarily located at the Department of Public Works on 12600 Wayne Rd.

From Saturday, May 19 to Saturday, May 26th people with proof of Romulus residency will be allowed to dump 2 loads of garbage a day from 8 - 3 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:30 - 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Items to be dumped cannot include concrete, dirt, tree limbs, tree trunks, yard waste, chemicals, petroleum products, paint, and large items like boats, cars, or engines. Residents will be allowed to dump up to four tires per household.

All questions about dumping should be directed to 734/942-7579, and questions about Spring Clean-Up day should be directed to 734/942-7571.



Officer Kim Matthews feeds an orphaned raccoon. Photo by Gena Giannuzzi

animals, but only less than a dozen use dogs. Over 95% of the animals used here at the University and nationally are rats, and mice. However, occasionally a dog is going to be a better model than another animal. It depends on the questions being asked and the disease being studied," he said.

Rush listed some studies that require dogs, "There are some studies that involve testing new drugs for treating heart disease, and for fracture healing. There are also some studies involving the creation of a biological artificial kidney."

If unwanted dogs were no longer to be a source for medical research, Rush said, "Some research would be hampered by the lack of availability of these dogs. However, about 60% of dogs used

this is a terrible waste of life."

Rush continued, "Medical research on dogs is how most medical advances have been made in the last 100 years. It is part of the process of learning how to treat diseases for humans and animals. This is how we get new treatments, immunizations, and diagnosis."

"Medical advances that have come from dog research includes, the first kidney transplant which was done on a dog, many of the heart drugs used today were developed using dogs, and all of our understanding of how to use insulin to control diabetes comes from dogs," Rush added.

Dr. Rush insists that all research is done as humanely as possible. "Any time an investigator wants to use any kind of ani-

mal for research. They submit an application to review if it is to be done at the University." Dr. Rush is on the U of M review committee to make sure that a study can be done humanely.

To those who would say that medical research should not be done on animals Rush says, "The American public wants medical advances. They just want it done properly and humanely. A few individuals should not control public policy, especially when it comes to health care."

In response to accusations that the Romulus Animal Shelter is not humane, or that they are trying to make money off of animals, Officer Matthews refers to the low price of animal adoptions as evidence that they are really trying to find homes for unwanted animals.

The Romulus animal shelter charges only \$5.00 to adopt a dog or cat, with a \$25.00 deposit which is returned upon spaying or neutering the animal. Other shelters charge as much as \$90 to adopt a cat, and \$120 to adopt a dog.

Matthews also points to the five orphaned baby raccoons that she has taken care of for the last two weeks. She has personally fed the baby raccoons with a bottle and washed them up. When they are weaned they are going to be trained on how to live on their own, and then released into the woods up north.

Officer Matthews says that the Romulus Animal Shelter has an excellent record in preserving the lives of pets. "About 500 - 600 animals were adopted out or were returned to owners last year," she said.

"The more people we get to the shelter, the less we have to euthanize. The Shelter just needs to get past the negative reports and back to adopting animals," said Matthews who is concerned how negative reports have reduced the number of people coming to the shelter to adopt pets.

Matthews speaks to classes about how to take care of animals, and lets Boy and Girl Scout groups take tours of the shelter. In addition, Matthews keeps a list of animals who are reported missing, and wish lists for people who wish to adopt a certain breed. She added, "Most animals coming into the shelter are pure breeds."

Yates concluded, "Most people who are familiar with the shelter, and who come in here knows that Kim (Officer Matthews) cares for these animals."

At the shelter there are currently over 30 kittens, and two small dogs waiting for someone to take them home.

Officials cry foul at census numbers

By GENA GIANNUZZI
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus City Officials are concerned with what they consider flawed Census Results. When the U.S. Census released their preliminary numbers in February, Romulus was estimated at having 25,326 people; but when the final numbers came out on April 1st, 2001, Romulus only got credit for having 22,979 people. This is a difference of 2,347 individuals.

Richard Marsh, Romulus Community Development Director asked, "Why such a difference between the initial estimated numbers and the current numbers?" City officials feel the answer to this question is that a mistake has been made by the Cen-

sus Department that could cost Romulus Citizens thousands in public monies.

This large difference is prompting Romulus to ask the Census Bureau to take another look at their results in an appeals process called the Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program.

Beginning June 30, 2001 to September 30, 2003 Romulus can file a CQR with the U.S. Census Bureau. The Census Bureau will then consider corrections based upon 1) whether they placed boundaries in the wrong location, and on 2) whether people that were counted during the Census 2000 process were deleted during the processing of the data.

The Census Bureau will not, however, correct census numbers for people whose homes were

missed by the census process if the Census Bureau followed their procedures properly.

"We got them an office and kept constant contact with them during the time they were taking the census. All indications were consistent with their first reported numbers, but not with their final numbers," said Romulus Mayor Bill Oakley about the city's cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau.

Mayor's Assistant David Cox commented, "There seemed to be a degree of confusion in every step we took. Not on behalf of the city but by the census people. The information they gave us during the process was completely different than the end results. What it resulted in gave us not a great deal of confidence in the

document."

Oakley added, "We are growing in leaps and bounds. Their (the Census) numbers would mean that in the last 10 years we lost people, which is ridiculous. We have 4 new subdivisions going in - the first in 30 years. In addition, there are at least 500 new homes added to our community with the addition of the Rudgate Manufactured Home Community which was not a part of the 1990 census. Considering that each unit possibly houses two or more people, that is an additional 1000 people minimum added to our city."

Oakley said that an accurate census was important to the city because, "It will make a difference in revenue sharing, and other programs. Most any grant we

get is based upon population."

About Romulus's expected filing of a CQR, Bob Rinaldi from the U.S. Census Department said, "Only those people who lived in Romulus before April 1, 2000 count. We will pull census results to see if there are processing mistakes. Once the CQR is filed it should be 4-6 weeks before we get back to the locality."

If the city is unsuccessful in the CQR process Cox said, "Most of the growth in Romulus is happening now. It is a shame that we have to wait 10 years for another census to show this growth, and to benefit economically from state and government programs. However, we understand that by the nature of the census it is flawed, and sometimes we just have to deal with that."

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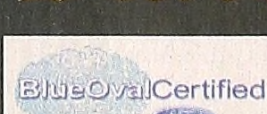
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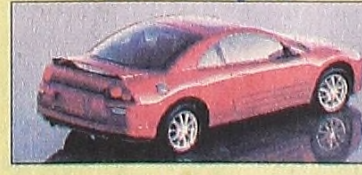
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Fashion show set for tonight

Just a reminder that the Wayne Business and Professional Women are about to make a fashion statement.

The WBPW will stage its 10th annual "Fashion Show" tonight, May 10, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the fashion show to follow immediately afterward.

The clothing modeled comes from the popular Weekenders U.S. A. line. The clothes are attractive pieces which coordinate

Besides clothing available for purchase, there also will be scarves and pins.

well. Another important feature is that they pack well - perfect for travel.

Besides clothing available for purchase, there also will be scarves and pins.

"Pack and Go" fashion show tickets are \$20. Tickets priced for seniors and young adults, 18 and under, are \$15, and are available from any Wayne BPW member or by contacting Helen Tomlin at 734-729-7743.

Proceeds are donated to the Wayne BPW Scholarship Fund as well as other worthy community projects.



Rotary's newest members

The Wayne Rotary welcomed four new business people to the organization in May. They were inducted into the club by Assistant Director Governor Dave Carpenter. The newest members are Jennifer Finley, Executive Director of Maple Manor; Thomas Lynch, Manager of the Harry J. Will Funeral Home; David Stewart, Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Wayne, and Karyn Wrona, Manager at Standard Federal Bank. The Wayne Rotary meets at noon weekly at the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis Road. Pictured above are Rotary's newest members David Stewart (from left), Karyn Wrona, Jennifer Finley, Tom Lynch, and Rotary President Lois VanStipdonk.

'River Day' seeks Wayne volunteers

Friends of the Rouge are looking for a few good men and women to rid the Rouge of debris.

Kurt Kuban, picked by the "Friends" to coordinate the clean-up project in the city of Wayne, said on Monday he is seeking volunteers for the project.

The project this year has been dubbed "River Day".

The volunteers will help remove debris from the river which flows through 43 communities in

Wayne and Oakland counties en route to the Detroit River.

"We are looking for volunteers to help in this worthy project," said Kuban, who requested that volunteers gather at Goudy Park (behind City Hall, on Wayne Road) at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. June 2.

Volunteers will be issued t-shirts. They also will be given gloves and trash bags.

For further information, contact Kuban at 734-641-9267.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Hoover Elementary hosted their annual Spring Fair on April sixth. They would like to thank all of the merchants that contributed donations for their raffie. Also a special thanks to Brooke Kennedy's Dad Tony and his friends for donating the use of the Moonwalk & Show Slide all night. Thank you all for your generosity!

A to Z Comics, Al's Market, Amour Flower & Gift Shop, Applebee's, Auto Zone, Baymount Inn, Beaver Creek, Beehive, Big Boy, Bowers Cleaners, Brownies Restaurant, Burger King, BW Classic Cutz, China Star, Chris Bliss (Tupperware), City Bakery, Clarion Hotel, Clark Service Station, Cleo Collier, Cooker Bar & Grill, Crazy Barb's, Crown Plaza Hotel, Dairy Dan, Dairy Queen, Denise Dabany, Detroit Loins, Detroit Red Wings, Dobby's Barber Shop, Double Tree Hotel, Dunkin Donuts, Family Video, Fantastic Sams, Formal Affair, Fox Hills Golf Course, Gl Surplus, Gino's Pizza, Goody's Pet Supply, Grandma's Kitchen, Hahn Wallpaper & Paint Co., Hilltop Golf Course, Hostess, Inkster Valley Golf Club, Island Sun Tanning, Jack's Sport, Jeanette Kennedy, Joey's Comedy Club, Johnson's Car Wash, Judy Karpinski, Kentucky Friend Chicken, Kathie's Secret, Keller & Stein, KJ's Hair Crafter, Kroger, Leon's, Leo's Jewelry, Long John Silver's, Lots of Nichols, Mary Dennings Cake, Max & Ermas, McDonald's, Mickey's Dairy Twist, Motor City Collectibles, My Lady Florist, Nankin Hardware, Northside Hardware, Old County Buffet, Papa Romanos, Paperbacks n' Things, Paradise Tanning, Patty McDonald, Rams Horn, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Regency Car Wash, Rex's Family Restaurant, Rookie Sports Cafe, Rustic Glen Golf Course, Sam's Club, Sam's Second St. Market, Sandy & Tammy Preblich, Sandy's Florist, Sav-a-Lot, Schwan's, Selena's Salon, Simply Linda's Salon, Something Fishy, Sportsway, State Wayne Theater, Summit on the Park, Taco Bell, Thrift Florist, Toarmina's Pizza, Universal Video, Victors Music, Vision Lanes, Wayne Bowl, Wayne Lawn & Garden, Wayne Rec & Aquatic Center, Wayne Restaurant, Wayne Sew & Vac, Wooden Wonders, Westland Golf Course, Wild Bills and WM. C. Franks Furniture.



Students participate in fitness meet

Students at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center in the Wayne-Westland schools participated in a statewide fitness celebration last week.

To warm up for the occasion, the students walked a mile as part of the ACES program. (ACES is an acronym for All Children Exercising Simultaneously With-A-Friend).

ACES is a one-day youth exercise program anticipating more than 250,000 Michigan elementary students and preschoolers at over 600 schools who have committed to participating in physical activity during National Fitness Week.

The With-A-Friend encourages family and friends to join the fun. The program's mission is to bring attention to the importance of life-long physical activity in everyone's life.

The program is sponsored by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, the Michigan Fitness Foundation and Farm Bureau Insurance.

Stottlemeyer Center is home to the Head Start, Sparkey, Kids +, Pre-Primary Impaired, Early Intervention and Early On Programs. These are all preschool programs operated by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

College degree candidate

Wayne resident Victor Wheeler is a candidate to graduate from Hope College in Holland, Mich., school officials announced this week.

Wheeler will be awarded a bachelor's degree in psychology after completing four-years of study at the college, an affiliate of the Reformed Church in America.

Victor is the son of Michael and Violet Wheeler of Wayne.

Two other local candidates, David Woody, of Belleville, and Jan Woody, of Wayne, also are slated to receive their graduating diplomas from Hope this month.

Jan Woody is the recipient of a Bachelor of Science/Chemistry degree.



Victor Wheeler

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO.

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MAY 1, 2001

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Presentation of a resolution was made to the Youth Volunteer of the Year, Brandon Tesner. Approved minutes of Regular Meeting of April 17, 2001, and Special Meetings of April 17, 2001 & April 23, 2001. APPROVED: Proclamation designating May 11-13 as Poppy Days in Wayne; proclamation designating the third week of May as Disabled Sports Week in May; proclamation designating May 6-12, as Arson Awareness Week in Wayne; proclamation designating May 6-12 as Chemical Awareness Week in Wayne; request by Harris-Kehrer V.F.W. Post 3323 to solicit donations by selling "Buddy Poppies" May 11-13, 2001 and by Moslem Shrine Temple to solicit donations on June 15-17, 2001; adoption of resolutions for the 2001 Wayne Fire Fighter of the Year, Captain Tim Reynolds and 2001 Wayne Police Officer of the Year, Officer Patrick Lindberg; request from Zaina Clark of Designer Warehouse to vend on private property, May 24-26, 2001; bids awarded for a power washer for Public Works and Streetscape Phase III Project; Second Reading and Adoption of an amendment to the Sign Ordinance, Chapter 1280.04(d); purchase of a Public Access Line Program from PALine, Inc; confirmation of Roll for 2000 Weeds, Boarding Up and Cleaning Debris to be placed on the 2001 Summer Tax Roll; Weed List No. 1; Professional Services Agreement with Beckett & Raeder, Inc., for inspection services relating to the Streetscape Phase I I I Project; Traffic Control Order No. 469; Professional Services Agreement with Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May for an analysis of the sled hill in Attwood Park; Right-Of-Way Agreement with MCI Worldcom; application for Ice Cream Vendor's License/Vehicle, Koolies Ice Cream, 28700 Northline, Romulus and Lucky's Ice Cream, 2320 Deerfield Court, Westland; application for Ice Cream Vendor's License/Driver-Charles Stephen Myers & Lakhbir Singh Cheema; Called a Public Hearing regarding the Proposed FY '01-'02 Budget, Tax Rates and Water & Sewer Rates for May 15, 2001 at 8:00 p.m.. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Carrie Shelton
Deputy City Clerk

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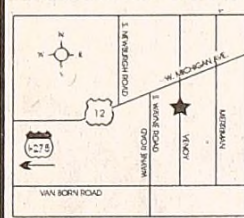
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Outstanding Seniors

Sarah F. Lowe and Alfred O. Johnson were named the recipients of the Lady Earnestine V. Steele "Outstanding Senior of the Year" awards recently. The awards recognize those seniors who volunteer in their communities. The awards were presented at the annual "Golden Age Reception", hosted by the Senior Citizen's Committee of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Michigan Metro Chapter. The reception was staged April 22 at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex. Lady Betty Thomas is the committee chairperson and Lady Janet Carter is the Chapter President.



Council schedules retreat

Mayor and council would like to get away from it all.

And, on June 16, that's what Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr., and city council members plan to do.

Council has scheduled its annual "retreat" to discuss a wide range of topics.

"What we need is about four hours together," said Hampton on Wednesday during the council's study session.

Council agreed and set aside June 16 for the retreat. But a definitive agenda was not announced Wednesday. Though council may schedule such retreats, the meeting, under the Opening Meetings Act, must be open to the public. Lawmakers may close the doors for executive sessions to discuss real estate transactions, personnel or/and litigation.

Council is seeking developers for the now vacant Greenhouse property on Michigan Avenue.

Wednesday night, mayor and council met with potential developers who are interested in rebuilding the Carver Homes Subdivision. Also atop of the council agenda is a plan to develop "Greenhouse property", located on Michigan Avenue, east of Harrison Ave., is in the Downtown Central Business District.

City officials have been attempting to attract commercial or residential clients to build on the city-owned property.

Resident receives kudos

Inkster's Kevin Sluter, a student at the Livonia Skill Center, was named the retail services' "Student of the Month."

Sluter, who trains at Big Boy Restaurant at the Wonderland Mall, was recently commended for "his flexibility and his willingness to do the work and assist with whatever needs to be done to do the job."

Kevin's grandmother, Frances Spencer, and his mother, Carrie Sluter, are very proud of his achievements.

"The local newspaper should write more positive things about our children who are trying to do positive things," Spencer noted.



Kevin Sluter

CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by Dobrowolski, supported by McEachern and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2001-10, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE CHANGE FROM PART TWELVE, PLANNING & ZONING; CHAPTER 1280, SIGNS; 1280.04d(5)(7), SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS IN THE B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, IND-B, IND-1, IND-2 DISTRICTS; 1280.04d, PROJECTING SIGNS

1280.04d (5) PROJECTING

No projecting sign shall project a distance greater than eighteen inches.

1280.04d (7) HEIGHT LIMITATION

No projecting sign shall exceed a height greater than the roof line of the building to which it is attached.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

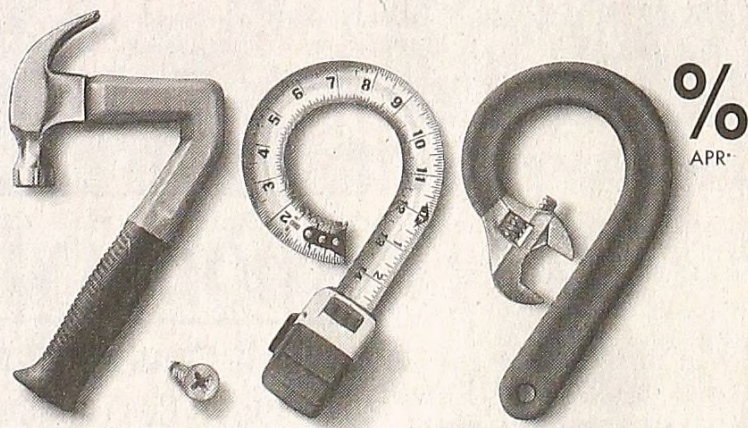
Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Adopted: May 1, 2001
Published: May 10, 2001
Effective: May 11, 2001

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Foundation announces scholarship recipients

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

As they prepare to verbally "roast" two distinguished members of the community, the executive board of the Khamalaw H. White Foundation this week announced the names of the recipients of the foundation's 2001 scholarships.

The students selected were involved in athletic endeavors and also managed to stay atop of their grades, according to Dr. Terrel LeCesne, executive director of the foundation.

"We are proud of these students, and we wish them all the success at the colleges of their choices," LeCesne added.

The 2001 scholarship recipients are:

• **Stacey N. Bostic**, Inkster High

School, who plans to attend Wayne County Community College;

• **Ski-kela n. Chambers**, Wayne Memorial High School, who plans to attend the University of Michigan;

• **Marla L. Franklin**, Inkster High School, who plans to attend Henry Ford Community College;

• **Sharon L. Lee**, Inkster High School, who plans to attend Henry Ford Community College;

• **Decondi D. Mack**, Robichaud High School, who plans to attend Michigan State University;

• **Matthew L. Morgan**, Robichaud High School, who plans to attend Central Michigan University;

• **Evan B. Spencer**, Academy for Business Technology, who plans to attend the University of Michigan;

• **Andrea Turner**, Robichaud

High School, who plans to attend Central Michigan University; and;

• **Antonio D. Wimberly**, Inkster High School, who plans to attend Windsor University.

The foundation's annual fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, at the Hawthorne Valley Banquet Center in Westland. Tickets are still available at \$30 per person.

A year ago, a huge crowd gathered to "roast" veteran *Michigan Community Newspapers* Staff Writer Tom Mooradian. This year, the gathering will have on its menu longtime Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, who serves as cochair of the commission, along with Lenna Hicks, community historian who was recently honored by the community by renaming the Inkster Public Library in her behalf.

'Prayer breakfast' date is set

The Rev. Joseph Stephens, pastor of New Birth Baptist Church, is the keynote speaker for the annual "Prayer Breakfast", sponsored by the Inkster Summerfest Committee.

The theme for the 9:30 a.m., May 26, program is "Striving for Harmony."

The program will be held at the

Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster.

For further information, contact

Ruth E. Williams, chairperson, who can be reached at 734-728-7530 or Theola Jones, program coordinator.

City-wide clean-up continues

The ongoing city-wide Spring Clean-Up program will reach two local parks in the next week.

City officials said that on May 12, residents who wish to get rid of items can take them to the Kennedy Park Parking Lot, off of Henry Ruff to dispose of, and on May 19, the Wheatley Park is where city DPS officials will accept trash and debris.

For further information, please call 313-563-0773.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INKSTER WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF EAST DAY OF REGISTRATION REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

TO: QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Regular School Election of the School District of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in said District on Monday, June 11, 2001.

Two (2) positions on the Inkster Board of Education will be filled at the election. Each position is a four (4) years term ending June 30, 2005. Nominees seeking to fill said vacancy shall be voted upon and elected at the Regular School Election on Monday, June 11, 2001.

ACT 269, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended, provides as follows:

The inspectors of Election at any annual or special election shall not receive the vote of any person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered an An elector in the city of township in which he resides.

THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION for the June 11, 2001 election shall be:

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon on May 14, 2001. To register visit any Secretary of State branch office; the office of the Wayne County Clerk; or the office of the City Clerk of your city. You are advised to call ahead no verify office hours of the appropriate registration office.

Persons registering after 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon on May 14, 2001 will not be eligible to vote in said election. Persons planning to register must determine when the appropriate registration office will be open for registration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having the following qualifications are entitled to register and vote:

- A citizen of the United States;
- At least 18 years of age;
- A resident of the School District at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election, and a resident of the State of Michigan for a least thirty (30) days.

Sandra Motley Cook
Secretary
Board of Education

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May 10, 2001

Wick Elementary hosts Cultural Day




Wick students got to move around and visit many displays. Here Ashley Jensen and Raquel Humphrey got to visit teacher Dorothy West's Holland exhibit. The girls are representing the Chippewa Tribe from teacher Lisa Zeleji's class.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 21, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-2001-018, a request from Voicestream Wireless for Special Use Land Approval for a 7-11 cellular tower to be located at the 35765 Northline Road [DP# 113 99 0001 701] located in a M-1 (Light Industrial) zoned district.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, May 21, 2001 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
Publish: May 10, 2001

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NOTICE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
An annual election having been called to be hold in the said District on, Monday the 14th day of June, 2001 and the following are to be voted on that day:
To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education of said school district for the terms of four (4) years each, beginning July 1, 2001, and ending an June 30, 2005.
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Monday, the 14th day of May, 2001, up to 8:00 P.M. prevailing local time, is the last day on which to register in order to be eligible to vote at said annual school election.
Application for registration should be made to the City Clerk of Dearborn Heights for those persons residing in that portion of the District lying within the City of Dearborn Heights, and with the Clerk of the City of Dearborn for those residing in that portion of the School District lying within the City of Dearborn, and with the Clerk of the City of Inkster for those persons residing in that portion of the School District lying within the City of Inkster. Persons already registered upon the registration books of such clerks need not register.
TIMOTHY T. EMERY
Secretary, Board of Education
Westwood Community School District
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May 10, 2001

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ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001
To the qualified Electors of the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, shall receive for registration the name of any resident not, registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Annual School Election and the day of such election.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that voter registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office. or, in the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 between the hours of:
Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER
Monday, May 14, 2001- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST -AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefore, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the Romulus Community School District, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.
The following vacancies for member of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:
TWO (2) FOUR YEAR TERMS
This Novtce is given by order of the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan.
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
Publish: May 3, 2001
May 10, 2001

Thorne, Nodwell are best at helping community

Here's a salute to two guys that really make a difference in their community. Ralph Nodwell and Bob Thorne have been raising funds for a variety of causes for a longtime in the Belleville-Van Buren-Sumpter area, and it is time that we give them their due.

They've raised so much money for so many causes, that I know of no group, let alone individuals, that have done more. Many times their fundraising efforts are for children or adults with rare diseases and the task is to raise tens of thousands of dollars to get the inflicted person the treatment that is necessary.

That is certainly the case with the latest fundraising effort the two community leaders have taken on. Chuck Coleman, a young father of two, has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. The only chance to save his life is to raise over \$100,000 for a stem cell transplant.

When Thorne got the call a week ago from a Coleman friend, he in turn called Nodwell and the two immediately got the fundraising ball rolling.

"Chuck is a young father and he deserves a second chance at life," said Thorne. "We're going to help ensure he gets that chance."

Coleman, 25, a member of Teamster Local 295, is a graduate of Belleville High School, where he excelled at academics and baseball. The father of Austin, 5, and Stephen, 4, Coleman spends all his spare time teaching and playing with his sons.

Coleman's plight was scary until the master fundraisers got involved. His white blood cells that usually attack simple infections like the com-

mon cold, are now attacking each other, thus leaving Coleman susceptible to these viruses. His immune system is now so weak that even a common cold can be fatal to Coleman.

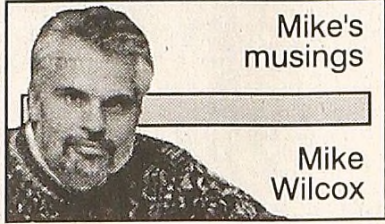
Fortunately, however, his brother, Mike, is a perfect match for a stem cell transplant. But because the transplant is expensive and not fully covered by insurance, it can only take place if Thorne and Nodwell are successful with their fundraising.

To that end several events are being organized to raise the \$100,000. Last Sunday a pancake brunch raised a few thousand dollars. On Mother's Day a candlelight vigil will be held at 8:30 p.m. at Victory Park in Belleville. And on June 8, Walt Michal's RV is planning a super sale in which part of the proceeds will be donated to the fund.

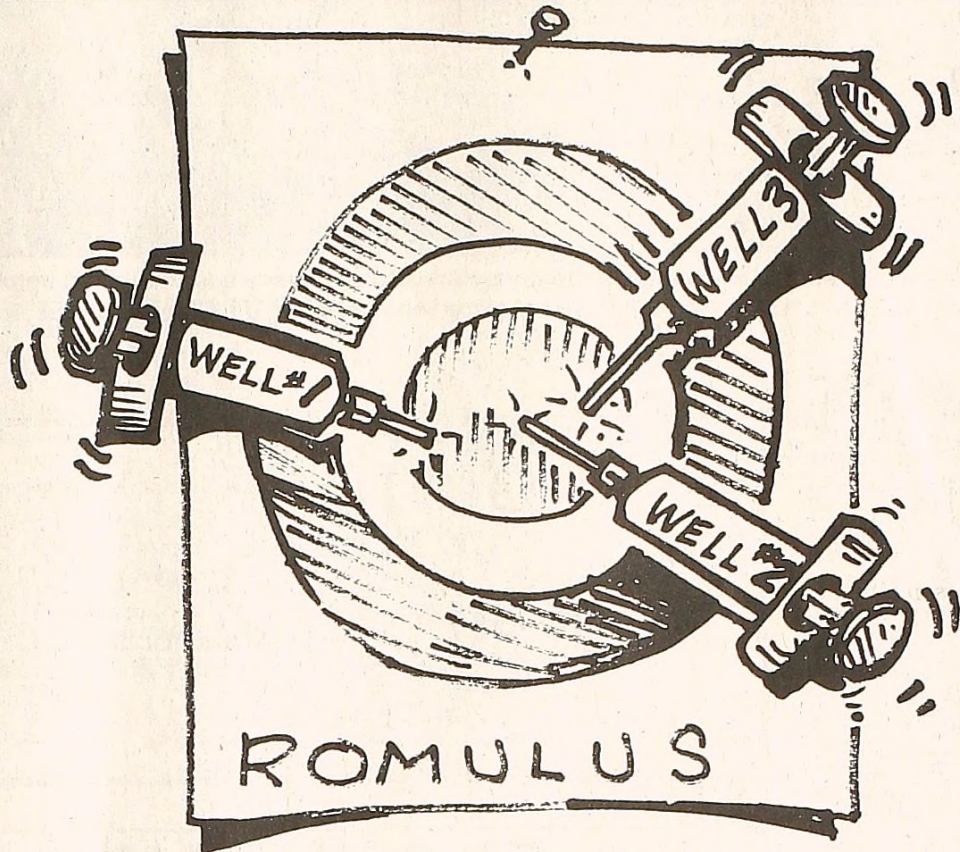
For those who simply would like to send a check to help out an account has been set-up with the National Transplant Assistance Fund. Make your donation payable to NTA Bone Marrow Fund, in honor of Chuck Coleman, NTA Suite 230, 3475 Westchester Pike, Newton Square, PA, 19073.

Let's assist Thorne, Nodwell and Chuck's boyhood friend Dan Wright, in making Coleman's life a long and happy one.

As Wright said, "It feels good to be helping instead of feeling helpless."



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox



OPEN SEASON ON WELLS...

Developers subject to kangaroo court

In *Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream*, authors Andres Duany, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, and Jeff Speck argue for good growth, a new planning philosophy for America's cities and townships.

Good Growth is an alternative to the two familiar choices on display at most planning commissions: *bad growth* and *no growth*.

Bad growth, according to authors, makes "your stomach turn" by generating "soulless subdivisions, residential 'communities' entirely lacking in communal life; strip shopping centers; 'big-box' chain stores, and artificially festive malls set within barren seas of parking; antiseptic office parks, ghost towns after 6 p.m.; and mile upon mile of clogged collector roads, the only factor tying our disassociated lives back together..."

Bad growth is unwelcome. Whenever it rears its ugly head, neighbors fight it. Recent local examples include the bands of homeowners who attended Westland's public hearing on Cherry Hill Place Condominiums or Canton's public hearing on Plymouth High School.

But developers' property rights and post-World War II zoning laws make resistance to bad growth futile. The ugly boxes and their parking lots go up, traffic doubles, and taxes go up to service the strips or to build more classrooms for the new kids. Or else the property remains vacant.

Good growth, the third way is rare, but it is happening in Canton, with the development of Cherry Hill Village (Ridge and Cherry Hill), an attempt to build walkable neighborhoods instead of car-only subdivisions, approachable corner shopping instead of berm-surrounded strips, and a town square instead of a square town without a center. It's only missing a small school.

Similar developments across the country have not only been popular successes, but they have succeeded in reducing crime and traffic accident rates.

While it's way too early to call the unbuilt Cherry Hill Village a success, it's not too early to praise



Ivan Helfman

Canton township board members and planners for their courage, creativity, and resourcefulness in overcoming the institutional and governmental barriers to good growth.

If only this could happen in Westland, where the plan seems to be creating more institutional and governmental barriers to good growth.

Mayor Bob Thomas and his planners' tendency to thwart sensible planning — let alone good growth — came to light with their performance on Cherry Hill Place Condominiums and Golden Corral restaurant.

City council members had expected that Cherry Hill Place Condominiums — a 96-unit development to be built near a railroad crossing that often backs up traffic on Cherry Hill — could not be approved because its units faced driveways, not streets. Hadn't the council paid City Attorney Angelo Plakas, with the help of the city's planning department, to draft an ordinance requiring all new residences to be built on streets?

However, the city attorney's firm issued an opinion saying that its ordinance did not require new residences to be built on streets.

So thanks to the performance of the city's professionals, sprawl marches on.

The case of Golden Corral (a 10,330-square-foot buffet restaurant at the northeast corner of Meijer's parking lot on Warren, west of Central City Parkway) illustrated a worse aspect of the planning department's performance: unreliability.

Last week, residents and city council members questioned the department's trustworthiness after learning that Planning Director Tod Kilroy's recommendation was, at best, "confusing."

Though on March 22, 2001, Kilroy had written Council President

Sandra Cicirelli that Golden Corral had met the city's site plan requirements, at April 2 city council hearing, he rattled off unresolved several site plan issues, claiming that the plans failed to meet drainage, screening, landscaping, and tree replacement requirements.

"Due to the issues, the proposal should be recommended for denial," Kilroy said. "It does not meet the standards."

"Something is fishy," Councilwoman Eileen DeHart said, last week, after Planner Bruce Thompson — standing in for the "sick" Kilroy — said: "There seemed to be some confusion whether the proposal met site plan and special land use requirements."

After listening to more of Thompson's explanations on behalf of Kilroy (Thompson, who strikes me as an honest professional, apparently spoke for the administration and planning department, not necessarily himself), DeHart said: "I base decisions on what you tell me. If I can't base decisions on that, I will have to look long and hard at what comes to us."

Amazed that things had come to this, I looked deeper into the cause of the administration and planning department's poor performances. It turns out that instead of leaving planning to the planning department, the planning commission, and the city council, Mayor Thomas first subjects plans to the informal mayor's review committee — an added bureaucratic barrier to good growth.

For whatever reason — and I'm looking into that — the committee turned against the Golden Corral, dissuading Golden Corral partner Seenu Nannapageni from buying another commercial site on Warren where the restaurant could have built without needing special land use approval. (Ruby Tuesday bought the site and, according to DeHart, "Golden Corral was 'given the shaft.'")

Until the mayor's review committee is abolished, we will have to offer a fourth growth category — *kangaroo court growth*.

More property condemnations coming

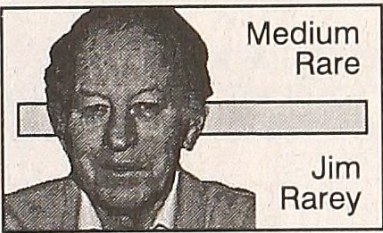
Two bills have been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives that would allow municipalities to target individual pieces of property for confiscation and transfer to developers using the pretext of blight.

The two bills, H.B. 4028 and H.B. 4033 were introduced in January of this year by two Republicans, Andrew Richner of District #1 in Wayne County and Nancy Cassis of District #38 in Oakland County.

Baldly stated in the purpose of H.B. 4028 is the following, "A bill to establish procedures for municipalities to designate individual lots or structures as blighting; to purchase or condemn blighting property; and to transfer blighting property to developers." One of the definitions of "blighting" is that the current "use" (as opposed to condition) is considered by the council as a nuisance.

H.B. 4033 is short and to the point. It would change the rules of evidence to allow hearsay evidence as the basis to establish "probable cause" to start the ball rolling.

Most city ordinances provide



Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

for a grace period for the owner or manager of property to abate alleged nuisances before any further action is taken by the city. Not so under this legislation which is a grant of additional powers to city councils.

The first inkling the owner or manager of the property might have that there is an alleged problem would be a notice that the city is starting proceedings against him based on hearsay.

The proposed procedure would facilitate, indeed invite collusion between developers and city government to expropriate private property and deliver it to another private person. The property could then be rezoned and increase its value tenfold.

In addition to developers, the bill would authorize cities to "allow" owners to turn "blighting"

property over to other city agencies run by appointed officials, e.g. Downtown Development Authorities, Economic Development Corporations, and even to other non-governmental non-profit organizations.

It would also authorize the cities to pass ordinances allowing the city to bribe the owner into relinquishing the property by offering forgiveness of debt and tax breaks.

This is obviously an end run around the current requirement that the exercise of eminent domain must disclose the intended use of the property. By only claiming "blighting" the city, after obtaining title, could then transfer the property to any developer it wished. This would also bypass long-standing procedures for disposal of city owned property through competitive sealed bids.

While this legislation will probably receive the support of some of the big lobbying organizations in Lansing — contractors and municipal associations — a firestorm of opposition from ordinary citizens could derail it.

Cell-phone drivers scare reader

Letter

To the editor:

Good grief! Where are people's brains?

Not only is it unbelievable, but it makes me so angry to see people driving on the road with a phone up to their ear!

Have you ever noticed just how much attention they pay to what's going on? It's very scary!

Yesterday, we were on our way to Belleville to go fishing for the day. Turning onto Michigan Avenue, the person in front of us used two lanes; ours and theirs! It took them about 10 seconds to realize what they were doing. Why? They were talking on the phone.

Further down the road, we were stopped by a red light. We were the second vehicle. The light

turns green, and we just sat there. About 5-6 seconds later, we honked our horn and the vehicle ahead of us finally went. Why? They were talking on the phone.

Again, further down, the road as we were approaching our turn on the I-94 Service Drive, the vehicle ahead of us slammed on their brakes, because they almost missed their turn. Why? They were talking on the phone.

Once again, just before our destination, a couple of vehicles ahead was driving in 1 1/2 lanes, and going about 10 mph under the speed limit. Why? They were talking on the phone.

Now, that was 4 different people, 4 different incidents which means 4 people not paying attention to themselves or other people in a 25 minutes span! To me, that is pretty darn scary!

These morons could so easily injure or God forbid kill themselves, my family or theirs! I mean, it could happen to my or your mother, father, sister, brother, children, grandparents, spouses, and friends.

Casual conversation should be totally outlawed! If someone needs to use their phone, (unless an emergency), should have to pull over, exit or something.

People just don't pay attention when they're playing on the phone, and that make me very angry and nervous to drive next to in front of or behind a moron on the phone.

What can we do? I'm quite sure that I'm not the only one who feels this way. I really am concerned.

Help!
Pam
Wayne

Broken record sounds good

To the publisher:

Mike Wilcox, if your continued written disapproval of the Central Wayne Sanitation Authority Incinerator contract sounds like a broken record, it is music to my ears!

I've been opposed to this thing from day one and that is going back to 1994. Trying to raise awareness and change attitudes on this issue amongst our various Westland officials has been frustrating, to say the least. But with the coverage in your newspaper, awareness has been raised amongst residents, even if not to the level of revolt.

The time to put aside any personal preferences for incineration is long overdue. The bottom line is that we cannot continue to be involved in a waste disposal practice that is so costly.

Sincerely, Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Parting words from Westland food critic

To the editor:

I am absolutely seething again. Today, I briefly-mentioned to a person in civic office, who I would rather not name, that I knew that I would take some flak for being an independent thinker, especially while promoting health issues in a non-caring city. A city that has no interest in being competitive or a leader in the area of physical fitness. That is left to other cities . . . that count the adults in the population.

By the way, no one in this city has notified me about a line-up of street dances or festivals.

But Ann Arbor did. They laughed at this "hanging out at the restaurant all day long" thing being passed off as an activity. They were in stitches when I got to the pie-eating contest. How people root their snouts in pastries and are awarded prizes for whoever snorts the most. "You're kidding!" was the response. "No, with great sadness, I am not kidding."

Anyway, back to the person in public office. This person told me that I needed to stop being concerned, in so many words, the implication being, "join the herd" and forget my values, so as to make that person happy . . . instead of making myself happy by sticking to my beliefs and to my duties. But, so as to avoid a little hissy fit, I changed the subject. But, not my mind, because, of course, I know that I am right and this person had some nerve trying to get for me to accept monstrously-negligent and abusive advice. Especially, when that person, in that profession, should be supportive of health for all of the workers.

Then, if that wasn't bad enough, I was talking to another person, not holding a governmental office, but, still a person much in the limelight, who told me that even she, at only age 40, was given "suggestions" as to what a person "her age" should "be like". And, how she "should act." I began to wonder if she was being considered by her peers as "over the hill" enough to fire yet. After all, she WAS out of grade school. By several years! Oh, no, Mr. Bill! I also wondered if someone had berated her for not adhering to the adage, "Grow old gracefully," a phrase that totally twangs that last good nerve of mine and pushes me right over the edge.

I began thinking of the movie, *Lord of the Flies*, where only the children ruled. Then, I thought of the episode on "Star Trek," where 200-year-old "children" on another planet would reach a certain age, develop purple blotches, grow old instantly, run amuck, scream in pain, go insane, and die. . . . all within about 30 seconds. (I found the whole "quick-aging" concept somehow appealing, in a bizarre sort of way). Such people were referred to as "grups," short for "grownups." Both of these movies . . . and other similar movies . . . had one central theme . . . "if they don't die on their own, kill everyone over age 30." Westland lowers the limit. Only the kids in grade school may live with their choice of activities.

Moving along, the topic of the local pool came up. I said that I wanted to show up at the opening, which Parks and Rec said would be a good place for me to go. I tried to believe them. They had, you see, given me Hope. I marked it on my calendar to show up at the opening of the pool in a really risque bikini (which I would still do, if asked) to show them how a REAL "nearly-54" person should look. Finally! Something to look forward to!

But, oh no, au contrair, and jeez Louise. No, I got a new and NOT improved update. I was told by this "age 40" lady that the pool was geared for, in so many words, "the teenagers." With that announcement, I thought how we had finally,

in at least ONE circle, upgraded the age of physical activity to those "out of grade school," though this is still totally unacceptable. Just who is setting the rules that life is over after grade school. . . . or after the teenage years, in some circles?

I give Westland an F minus, minus, minus for NOT having public fitness events open to all. I am only speaking only about the things that are of interest to ME. Starting with frequent street festivals and most importantly, dances. Free to all. Events that join all age groups. Instead of dividing the community into "daddy-daughter" and "seniors-only" dances. Though these events are fine for whom they apply, most of the general population falls into the years in between birth and death.

Back to "Lady 40." I told her that the impression that I got, was that, in Westland, people's lives were over halfway through grade school and that they just couldn't wait for the years that are supposed to be the best years of their lives to be over. . . . so that they could join an old folks' club. That is not a remark against old folks, for those wanting to start a fight. After all, I, too, am no spring chicken. It is to say, how dare anyone take away my right . . . or anyone else's right . . . to be forever young. You think that I will vegetate just because some veg-o-matically-obsessed person TELLS me to? Fat chance! In the meantime, hello Ann Arbor! I sent off for their lineup of summer events. Their recordings and web sites are also nice. And, they have a wonderful downtown area with cute, little sidewalk cafes for that outdoor early-morning coffee to perk you up for a jog, whilst waving hello to the other trim joggers or those walking their dogs, adding to the active ambiance.

Shame, shame, shame on Westland for teaching shamefully-monstrous and negligent, repulsive values. Where are my mentors?

Well, ONE wrote the paper. (THANK YOU, WRITER!) . . . plus my Curtie, who is still recovering from his own illnesses. I want for the physically-fit in Westland to rise up against all of those who have taken away our rights to do what we are supposed to do . . . respect the health of our bodies . . . from childhood to a REAL old age. Say, somewhere around 80 or 90. Respect all age groups. Get off your lazy butts and join me in a dance! By MY standards, which are higher than most Westlanders, even I am not fit I want to improve myself more. The motto for the day, "No one is perfect. We should all strive for improvement, not acceptance and complacency." There is something new to learn every day forever. No one has the right to stop the learning process. . . . or to tell someone to stop having fun.

Oh, and ditch the excuses . . . the lines about being big-boned, retaining water, having a thyroid problem, or something genetic. How dare you insult the really rare people who are TRULY suffering with these problems. To those who are not truly sick, you are easy to spot. Because a doctor would have you on special medicine and a special diet, as you would need even more help than the average person who just plain pigs out. By the way, some have twisted my meanings. Obese is not referring to people who are only 20 pounds overweight. Obese means you can barely walk because of weighing 350 pounds. Help is available for those who truly want it. Start with a visit to your doctor. Discover why you are food-obsessed. And, start having fun. Good luck to you.

Angela Frances Todd
Note: Ms. Todd gave notice that this will be here last letter for a while —Ed.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 4-17-01 (3)

Second reading for adoption.

General penalty for Violations of the Code by Minors Under the Age of 17 except for violations of the Traffic and Vehicle Sections of said Code.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS: Any persons under seventeen (17) years of age convicted of a violation of this Code shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction (except for violations of Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles), punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the discretion of the Court regardless of any penalty provision that may be stated in a specific chapter, section or subsection of this Code.

Sections 1 through 13. Violations and Fines and Costs

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting called and held on the 1st day of May, 2001.

Yeas: Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne and King.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Adopted: May 1, 2001
Published: April 26, 2001
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Mario Gracin announces council candidacy

Letter to the Editor:

During the past year our community has seen a renewal, a change in our government structure, which shall surely benefit those of you who make this city your home.

As part of that struggle to affect that change, I spent many hours conversing with you, the people of my community.

I took many of your concerns to council, addressing the need for a government which serves the people and not the self. I listened to your concerns, your ideas, and to your hopes for a better place in which to raise your families.

I was asked on those many occasions

to consider running for council in the November, 2001 municipal elections. At this time, I would like to let you know that I have decided to do so.

I vow to serve the people, if you choose to elect me, not the structure. I will endeavor to serve those who place me in office with a PEOPLE FIRST agenda and an open door policy.

I believe it was said that no one can govern, except by the consent of the governed. I am asking you for that consent, the privilege of serving the people of this community. The chance to offer myself to this city as a working class man who truly understands that it is YOU

ular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt Proclamation 2001-12, honoring the Letter Carriers request to collect food [Letter Carrier Food Day]. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the job description for Water & Sewer Field Operations Superintendent. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve a one-year employment agreement to become effective May 7, 2001, with Larrie Ordus for the position of Water & Sewer Field Operations Superintendent and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the specifications for the dispatch renovations, and the advertisement and seeking of bids as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to deny the one year unpaid medical leave request for employee Wilma Jean Johnson. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the voucher list of May 1, 2001, as presented. Carried,

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the March 2001 Public Safety Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building located behind township hall. Contact the Treasurer's Office at 734.699.8903 for additional information

On Friday, May 4th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the 5th Annual Mother and Son Dance. Spaces are still available, contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921 for additional information and reservations.

On Sunday, May 6, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Hall Senior Dining Room a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Chuck Coleman.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): An update from residents of the Willow Garden [Quirk Subdivision] Neighborhood expressing their concerns about the Wal-Mart development after attending the April 25th Planning Commission Meeting and reviewing the Wal-Mart site plan and minutes from a 1999 Van Buren Township Board Meeting (also have requested Environmental Impact statement). Areas of concern were the location of the three retention ponds, further development, drainage, noise, buffer for backyards and trees.

Supervisor King stated that the most westerly boundary of the land would get close attention as any other projects develop on the site. She also read a letter that was presented to the Board from a resident on Chatsworth expressing their concerns over the Wal-Mart development and stated the Township is still working toward resolving these issues between residents, Wal-Mart and the Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 8:39 p.m., Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne
CMC Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2001

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Interim Director of Development Delaney, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Recreation Manager Morris, Attorney Kovinsky, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-two (22).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of April 16, 2001, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2001, as presented. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: News release from the Wayne County Health and Community Services for the Wayne County Head Start "Family Fest". This event will offer Head Start Program enrollment, entertainment for children, a job fair and health fair. The even will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Manor located at 7258 Chase Road, Dearborn. For additional information call 734.287.6746.

A Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Hall Senior Dining Room for local resident Chuck Coleman, who needs a stem cell transplant

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 04-17-01 (1) Equipment Violations of Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance. Roll Call Vote Yeas: Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 04-17-01(2) Transportation of Hazardous Materials of Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hart, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd and King. Nays- None. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 04-17-01(3) Penalties for persons less than seventeen years of age [Violations of the General Code of Ordinances by Minors except for Traffic and Vehicle Sections]. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 04-17-01(4) to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, to add Article XIVB: EHROD, Ecorse and Haggerty Road Overlay District. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

*(A synopsis Of Ordinances 04-17-01(1), 04-17-01(2), 04-17-01(3) and 04-17-01(4) follows the minutes. Copies of the full text are available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during reg-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 4-17-01 (2)

Second reading for adoption.

The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby adopts the following provisions of Title 49 of the code of federal regulations, on file with the Secretary of State except where modified by this ordinance, to provide the safe transportation of persons and property with the intent of following the policies and procedures of the United States Department of Transportation's federal highway administration as related to Title 49 of the code of federal regulations and the North American standard uniform out-of-service criteria and inspection procedures.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.	Hazardous materials regulations parts 100 through 180
Section 2.	Commercial vehicles operated entirely within this state.
Section 2a.	Employment qualifications
Section 2b.	Safety standards.
Section 3.	Exclusions.
Section 4.	Transportation of Agricultural.
Section 5.	Safety documents.
Section 6.	Fines and costs.
Section 7.	Jurisdiction.
Section 8.	Notification of hazardous materials incidents.
Section 9.	Tractor-trailer requirements.
Section 10.	Safety violations.
Section 11.	Transfer of hazardous materials.
Section 12.	Repeal.
Section 13.	Severability.
Section 14.	Effective date.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting called and held on the 1st day of May, 2001.

Yeas: Hart, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd and King.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

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Defense strikes Canton out of title race

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Defense - the lack of it - placed Plymouth-Canton's plans for a Western Lakes divisional baseball championship on hold for another year.

Coach Scott Dickie's Chiefs committed five costly errors in their heartbreaking 7-5 loss last Monday to Northville.

And that loss to the Mustangs apparently set the tone to the rest of the week as the Chiefs dropped a 8-4 decision to conference frontrunner, Farmington Hills Harri-

son, then fell to Livonia Stevenson, 4-1, in a conference crossover to wrap up the week.

The three consecutive losses dim Canton's chances of catching the conference leaders.

"It wasn't a good week for us," said Dickie later. "We committed a total of seven errors in those three losses, and you just can't do that and expect to win many games."

Northville struck for two runs off of starting pitcher, Mark Hansen, in the first inning, but the Chiefs got those back and one more to take a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the opening frame.

Hansen blasted his first homer

of the season, a three-run roundtripper whith Oliver Wolcott and Brent Kwiatkowski aboard.

But Northville starter, Tom Hughes, settled down and pitched three scoreless innings until the fifth when he gave up two more runs.

Northville took the lead with a three-run third, but the Chiefs came back and tied the game at five apiece before the Mustangs galloped off with the victory with a two-run, top of the sixth rally.

Hughes, the winning pitcher, gave up a total of four hits, fanned eight and didn't walk a batter.

On the other side, Hansen com-

pleted four full innings, also whiffed eight and walked one. He yielded eight of the 10 hits before reliever Greg Neino, who was charged with the loss, took over.

In a "must game" with league leader Harrison, Neino was tagged for three bottom-of-the-first runs while his counterpart, winning pitcher Tim Doig gathered goose eggs until the seventh when he gave up four runs.

In the Canton seventh, Jim Kondratek led off with a walk, moved to second on Nick Musselman's base hit and when Doig also issued Nick Tomasaitis a walk, the Chiefs had the bases loaded.

Jay Sofen came through for Canton with a two-run single, and Wolcott's single provided the team with their third run. Russ Caid also delivered an RBI single, but Doig then retired the side to preserve the victory.

Caid, Sofen and Kwiatkowski accounted for two hits each.

In taking the loss, Neino struck out six, walked four and gave up six of the 10 hits and six of the eight runs.

Although they played flawless defense against Stevenson, Canton couldn't hit against Spartans' David Oliver, who gave up five hits, two to Sofen.

Sofen led off the sixth with a single and scored the Chiefs' only run when Kwiatkowski doubled him home.

Matt Staley's three-game winning streak ended as the Canton hurler gave up a total of eight hits, notched five strikeouts and walked one. He pitched a complete game.

Canton was back on the diamond Monday at home to Livonia Franklin. On Wednesday, they took on North Farmington and will travel to Livonia Churchill on Thursday.

Glenn sweeps doubleheader from Belleville

Winless week for Tigers

First-year Belleville High baseball Coach Chris Dessellier must be thinking what he and his Tigers need to do to win a ball game this spring.

The Tigers can't seem to win, although they have come darn close. Like against Taylor Truman. They outthit their Mega Conference rivals, 13-9, played perfect defense, but came out at the shortend of a 7-6 decision in extra innings.

Then, against Tom Nolan's Railsplitters at Lincoln Park, Belleville again worked an extra inning and lost a cliffhanger, 3-2, even though the Tigers had the edge in hits, 9-4.

The Tiger frustration mounted against Saturday's out-of-conference opponent, Westland John Glenn. Glenn scored four runs in the first inning and went on to win, 6-2, in the first of two games.

In the nightcap, the Rockets "mercied" their visitors, 12-2, (See related story on this page) to sweep the twin bill.

"The good news is that, with the exception of the second game against Glenn, no one is blowing us out," said Dessellier, who inherited the ball club at the beginning of the season from veteran coach Pat Digman. "The bad news is that we are not winning."

"We are playing well, but we don't have much to show for it."

Dessellier started junior righthander Nathan Gabrys on the mound against Truman, but Gabrys was removed for reliever R. C. Linzell who was charged with the loss.

With the score tied at 6 at the end of the regulation seven innings, Belleville broke the deadlock in the eighth when Phil Meadows singled home Keith McLaughlin who had walked, stole second, and moved to third on a wild pitch.

Truman came back with a walk, single and a double to put the tying and winning runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the eighth.

Meadows went two for three, including a double against Truman. Teammate Derek Dufrane had two RBIs, on three hits - a single, double and triple. Brent Zeestraden chipped in a double and single.

Once atop of the mountain Romulus stumbles

Coach Norb Glover and his Romulus Eagles have been to the top of the mountain and for a year enjoyed what it's like to be the best track & field team in their division in the State of Michigan.

But any dreams of a rare repeat are slowly fading.

Each week seems to bring further evidence of an impending collapse or disaster.

On Saturday, one of a string of incidents prevented the Eagles from competing at full strength.

The Eagles were scheduled to compete at the Adrian Invitational, but the team arrived late at the field because the bus scheduled to take the team had mechanical problems.



Top spikers

Romulus High's top spikers - Nicole Johnson (above, at left) and D'uan Dawson Emjou - were presented plaques by volleyball coach Rebecca Merithew (center) for their outstanding efforts on the pine. Both Johnson and Emjou are seniors and will be playing on the college level a year from now. The plaque presentations occurred during the high school's annual Winter Sports Banquet.

Improved Wayne gives Dearborn a scare

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Dearborn, the defending Mega Conference, Red-Division, track and field champ, found an improved Wayne track club waiting for them when the two clashed last week.

At the end, the experienced and veteran Dearborn team managed to pull out an 84-53 victory over Coach Kevin Miller's club.

"I felt we ran a pretty good meet against them," said Miller afterward. "A year ago, we weren't even close."

Wayne managed to salvage five first places, two of those by sprinter T.J. Dillard. The talented freshman won the 100-meters in 11.3, then posted a 23.19 to capture his second first in the 200-meters.

Wayne also stashed away the long jump competition as Darien Mitchell leaped 19 feet, 8 inches to beat out the field.

Miller's 800-meter relay team of Delano Boles, Mitchell, Dillard and Randy Lee won the event in

1:35. The foursome then came back to beat the Pioneers in the 400-meter relay. Their time was a 46 second flat.

In the meantime, the Wayne Memorial girls' track was turned back by Allen Park, 88-39, in a Mega-White meet. Wayne finished with five first places, three of them in the field events.

Stephanie Pianowski won the discus toss with a 83'31/2" effort. Teammate Renita Price leaped 14'9 1/4" to place first in the long jump, and Connella Simmons gave the Zebras the high jump event when she successfully cleared 4'8".

Leslie Brown, Khelli Wade, Price and Ebony Hill beat Allen Park's 800-meter relay foursome. The winning time was 2:03.5. Weathers, the only other Wayne winner, ran a 55 seconds flat in the 400-meters.

Westland John Glenn continued to own the bragging rights in track in the Wayne-Westland Community School District as the

Rockets turned back their natural rivals, 72-65, earlier in the week.

One of the highlights of the meet was Ron Abel's outstanding performances in the distance events. Abel won the 3,200-meters in 10:45. He also gave Wayne the 1,600-meters with a 4:43 performance.

The Wayne girls' team lost to Redford Union, 80-53, as the Zebras pulled out six first places including the 1,600-meter relay with Kim Daniels, Kim Weathers, Danielle Robinson, and Teresa Wilcox. The winning time was 4:43.

Brown, Hill, Andrea Scales and Wade was the winning Wayne combination in the 400-meter relay (56 seconds). Robinson, along with Brown, Hill and Wade finished first in the 800-meter relays.

Wayne returns home today to host Fordson (boys) and Southgate Anderson (girls). On Saturday, they'll pack up their equipment and head for the Troy Athens Relays.

Rockets tune up for district playoffs

With a sweep of a doubleheader from Belleville and an impressive 4-2 triumph over Western Lakes Conference foe North Farmington, coach Todd Duffield and the John Glenn Rockets appear ready for the district playoffs.

"We had three good games last week, and two I would like to forget about," said Duffield during a telephone interview on Sunday. "Our kids are coming around and playing the kind of ball we expect them to play."

With Nate Campbell tossing a four hitter on Saturday, the Rockets turned back Belleville, 8-2, in the first game as Glenn pounded Tiger starter Phil Meadows for 12 hits.

Campbell worked the first three innings, struck out one and walked four for the victory. Meadows was removed after four complete innings and replaced by Charlie Bourque.

Glenn's Jeff Koslowski drilled a homer for one of his two hits, while Andrew Copland checked in with three singles and Rick Verville had two hits, a single and double, a feat duplicated by Josh Day.

The second game was called in the bottom of the sixth when Glenn exploded for six runs to mercy the Tigers, 12-2. Kyle Kutkowski went the distance for the win.

Kutkowski had ample support as Mike Grant collected three hits and three RBIs. Dave Mijal and Kutkowski each stroked a double and single.

Glenn scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth to hand North's Eric Odmark a 4-2 loss. In that decisive inning, Day and Mi-

jal each singled and came home on Julian Fraser's triple. Campbell singled home Fraser, and he eventually scored on Verville's base hit.

Brandon Ajlouny got back on the winning track as he struck out 10, walked two and gave up four hits.

Odmark was tagged for two hits each by Fraser, Day and Verville.

In the lone disaster of the week, Franklin's Shawn Middleton blanked the Rockets 9-0 as he fanned three, walked three and scattered five Glenn hits.

Fraser, who pitched 5 1/3 innings, took the loss.

"We had our opportunities against them," said Duffield, "but didn't capitalize on them."

The Glenn coach pointed out that his team left 12 runners stranded on the base paths. The Rockets had the bases loaded in the third, with no outs, and came up empty handed. They also left men on first and second in the opening inning and runners on second and third in the second.

Glenn also wasted Ajlouny's three run homer in the seventh with Jeff Koslowski and Mike Grant aboard in a loss to Walled Lake Central. The Rockets dropped the slugfest 15-10.

The Westlanders are at home for their next three. They started the week against Plymouth-Salem on Monday, were off on Tuesday, but returned to Rocket field on Wednesday to host Livonia Churchill. On Thursday, Farmington is in town. The "snowed out" game of early April against Wayne Memorial which will determine baseball's bragging rights for the school district will be staged Saturday at Wayne Memorial.

Wayne owns golf bragging rights

A superlative individual effort by Westland John Glenn's Cheryl McKay could not overcome a fine team effort by Wayne Memorial in a showdown between natural rivals, Wayne Memorial, for the district's golf title.

Wayne captured the Wayne-Westland girls' golf bragging rights for the year, 214-262, in a match

played on Fellows Creek Course in Canton Township.

McKay, the medalist for the field, received little support from her teammates. The next best was a pair of 66s carded by Dawn Dshong and Annie Kimling.

The Rockets also counted a 71 from Christine Ziegler. Katie Provost turned in a 93.

Defending state champs need win over Edsel

"I called and let them know that we'd be late," said Glover. "I jumped in my car and drove some of the kids to Adrian. Unfortunately, in some events, like the long jump and high jump, we were scratched."

The incident is one of a series that has befallen the Eagles this season. Moreover, they can ill-afford to lose to Dearborn Edsel Ford or Taylor Truman this week and hope to retain their Mega Conference, White Division title. (Romulus was scheduled to run Edsel on Tuesday; they will face

Truman on Thursday).

"By the end of the week we surely will know where we stand in the White Division," Glover said. "These are two fine teams, and if we lose both meets, you can bet we'll be looking from the sidelines when it comes time for the conference championship."

In a field of 14 teams at Adrian, Romulus' late-arriving team managed to squeeze out a sixth place. The Eagles compiled a total of 44 points. Adrian won its own invitational.

Hurdler Joey Wasson was the

only Romulus athlete to finish with a gold. Wasson cleared the 110-meter hurdles in the fastest time, 15.2.

"He didn't allow anything to distract him. He was focused on what he had to do to win," Glover stressed.

The Eagles came away with a pair of silvers thanks to their 400 and 800-meter relay teams.

In the 400-meter, Glover put together a foursome that included Freddie Harbor, Michael Woods, Charles Searcy, and Daniel Jarrett, who finished second. Romu-

lus's time was 44.71.

The same team: Harbor, Woods, Searcy, and Jarrett also were edged out for the gold in the 800-meter relay. The Eagles combined for a 1:31.

A "boxed-in" Keuntai Lane finished third for the bronze in the 800-meters as the young Romulus athlete had to go around the pack and staged a dramatic race in the stretch to the finish line. His 2:07 was the third-best time in the meet.

Jarrett continued to display his athletic versatility as he came up

with a silver medal in the 200-meter dash. Jarrett, who stood out in football and basketball, was clocked in 22.4.

In the long jump, with Ray Graves noticeably missing from the Romulus lineup, the Eagles finished fourth with Searcy (20'2") and fifth with Chris Talley (19'9"). Graves has cleared 22 feet this season.

Romulus upped its divisional record to 2-1 on the season at the expense of Redford Union. The Eagles buried R.U., 87-42.

Robichaud, Inkster have ‘nightmare of a week’

Bulldogs’ opponents merciless

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Robichaud’s baseball program is hemorrhaging profusely, and baseball medics believe that what coach Richard Orsette and the ball club needs the most to stop the bleeding is a victory.

The Dearborn Heights ball club has failed to find its way into the victory column this year.

In fact, last week the Bulldogs suffered an unprecedented four losses, all four called under the

“mercy rule.”

“The kids are trying, but that isn’t enough,” said Orsette, a former Robichaud baseball star and a member of the elite All-Area team in his prep days. “We have some kids who were with the program a year ago who didn’t return to the squad this year for various reasons.”

“What we have now is a group of young and inexperienced players who are trying desperately to succeed. It’s going to take some time.”

Last week began for Robichaud with downriver powerhouse, River Rouge, exploding on them for a 15-0 victory. The Bulldogs managed to get one hit - a single off the bat of Michael Stewart - in this one.

Orsette started Marcus Johnson on the mound, and Johnson was tagged by the hosts for six bot-

tom-of-the-first inning runs. Rouge ended the game in the third with another half-dozen runs, after scoring three in the second.

A six-run outburst by Fordson sounded the knell, 13-2, for Robichaud in their scheduled Mega Conference, Gold-Division meeting on Wednesday. Robichaud starter Otis Smith got in trouble early against the Tractors who pounded him for five runs in the first frame, added one more in the second, before collecting six in the third.

Smith gave way to Nate Gross who worked the final 2 2/3 innings. Robichaud cashed in a total of three hits - one each by Melvin Ballard, Smith and Derrick Jones to score single runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Dearborn High pounded the Bulldogs unmercifully Friday as

the Pioneers swept a non-conference doubleheader. In the opener, Johnson was tagged with the 18-0 loss, while two Pioneer pitchers, Dale Benczarski, and Ron Celesky combined for the no-hitter.

In the nightcap, Dearborn plastered Robichaud, 16-0.

Orsette and the Bulldogs have an opportunity to break out of their doldrums this week. They faced Inkster on Monday. The Vikings are in the same shoes as Robichaud. But Inkster does have one win.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs were scheduled to go up against Ecorse, also a Mega Conference, Gold Division, opponent that is looking for its first divisional victory. They wrap up the week Friday against Romulus.

With the Romulus game, the second round of the Mega-Gold season begins.

Crestwood crushes Vikings

Title hopeful Dearborn Heights Crestwood rolled past Inkster en route to the top of the Mega Conference, Gold Division standings on Friday.

The Chargers crushed the Vikings, 18-1, in an abbreviated baseball game called in the fourth under the “mercy rule”. (Whenever a team has compiled a 10 or more run advantage over its opponent, the umpire has the option of ending the game.)

“They jumped on us early and never looked back,” said a disap-

pointed Inkster varsity coach, Jerome Orr. “They (Crestwood) have an excellent team this season, and we didn’t do anything to taint that image.”

The Vikings managed to get two hits off of two Crestwood pitchers. Michael Turner walked to open the game, moved to second on Ron Perry’s base hit. Kentrail Fickling then came through with a single that drove in what proved to be Inkster’s only run.

Orr started Fickling on the mound and he lasted two innings against what appears to be an unstoppable Crestwood hitting machine. After six outs, and seven runs, Orr removed Fickling for reliever Brandon Dawson, who finished up.

However, the Vikings could win their second this week at the expense of arch-rival, Robichaud.

Langston is a triple-winner

Inkster wasted a superb individual performance by Samantha Langston, who was a triple event winner in the Vikings’ 64-45 loss to River Rouge in a Mega-Gold girls’ track and field meet last week.

Langston dominated the hurdles as she cleared the 100-meters in 18.09. She also won the 300-meter lows in 59.67. Her triple crown effort culminated in the Vikings winning the 400-meter relay.

Inkster Coach Eugene Thomas put together a sprint relay team made up of Deedee Murphy, Britany Evans, Langston and Dominique Whitner which finished first in 53.95.

Whitner also came up with firsts in the 100-meter dash, an event she won in 12.7. She crossed the finish line in front of

the pack in the 200-meters (27.8) as well.

Rouge crushed the Inkster boys’ squad, 103-11.

Claiming six of 13 events, Inkster also fell short against Melvindale in a Mega-Gold meet, 68-52. Langston again swept the hurdles, winning the 100 in 19.8, then leading the field to the tape in the 300 with a 57.37 performance.

Whitner and Murphy accounted for the 100 (13.2) and 200 (28.5) meter dashes.

Thomas’s 400-meter relay of Whitner, Murphy, Evans and Langston was untouchable by the Cardinals, while Langston was replaced by Tiffany Smith, and joined Whitner, Murphy and Evans to win the 800-meter relay event.

Inkster’s boys’ team dropped

an 82-27 decision to their peers from Melvindale. The Vikings got a total of four firsts: Jerry Gruther, in the shot put (36’6”); Marlin Garner, in the high jump (5’7”); Alan Jones, in the 800-meters (2:47) and Dominique Barnette, in the 400-meter dash (1:47).

At the Mott Invitational, Inkster came away with a fifth place medal thanks to the efforts of Cassandra Holdclslaw, who finished fifth (13.3) in the 100-meter dash.

Inkster also took on Highland Park last week and lost a 63-20 decision to its Mega-Gold opponents. The Vikings collected a total of three firsts, with Barnette leaping 16 feet, 8 inches for a first in the long jump competition; Guthner’s toss of 34’4” also was a first, while Marlin Garner’s 5 feet,

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual School Election of the School District will be held on Monday, June 11, 2001.

TAKE NOTICE that the following shall be voted upon by the electors at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 11, 2001:

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

There will be elected one member to the Board of Education of the School District for a full term of four years ending in 2005. The names of all eligible School Board candidates are as follows:

Ralph A. Nodwell

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001, IS MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks’ offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Ralph A. Nodwell, Secretary
Board of Education

Publish: May 3, 2001
May 10, 2001

Wheatley golf date is set

The second annual Tryone Wheatley Golf Tournament will be held on June 2 at the Inkster Valley Golf Course.

Wheatley, former prep All-American at Robichaud High School, who went on to star at the University of Michigan, was a force that helped the Oakland Raiders come within one victory of the Super Bowl.

Tickets for the Wheatley Outing are \$90 per player. Registration is scheduled for 8 a.m. The price of the ticket includes a cart,

For further information, call
Ruth Williams, Inkster Parks
and Recreation
Department supervisor,
at 734-728-7530.

Senior softball teams needed

Romulus Parks and Recreation officials are seeking seniors, 50 and older, for a softball league. League play will focus more on fun, exercise and entertainment than competition.

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Those who are interested in playing in the league are asked to call 942-6852 or drop by the Romulus Senior Center. The center is located at 36515 Bibbins Street.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 4-17-01 (4)

Second reading for adoption.

An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to establish a new ERHOD-Ecorse and Haggerty Road Overlay District by creating a new Article XIVB.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 16B.01	INTENT AND PURPOSE
SECTION 16B.02	DEFINITIONS
SECTION 16B.03	OVERLAY ZONING CONCEPT
SECTION 16B.04	OVERLAY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
SECTION 16B.05	HAGGERTY ROAD LAND USES
SECTION 16B.06	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
SECTION 16B.07	DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
SECTION 16B.08	APPEALS AND VARIANCE
SECTION 16B.09	DISCLAIMER
SECTION 16B.10	CONFLICTS
SECTION 16B.11	SEVERABILITY
SECTION 16B.12	EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting called and held on the 1st day of May, 2001

Yeas: Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman and King,
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Adopted: May 1, 2001
Published: April 26, 2001
 May 10, 2001
Effective: May 10, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 4-17-01 (1)

Second reading for adoption.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Motor Carrier Ordinance”. Out-of-service criteria and inspections procedures.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.	Definitions.
Section 2.	Transportation of property.
Section 3.	False load claims.
Section 4.	Unlawful acts.
Section 5.	Interstate commerce.
Section 6.	Township right to reasonable control.
Section 7.	Impounding of vehicles.
Section 8.	Civil remedies.
Section 9.	Penalties.
Section 10.	Fines and Costs.
Section 11.	Saving Clause.
Section 12.	Severability.
Section 13.	Conflicting Ordinances.
Section 14.	Effective Date.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

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Yeas: Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak and King.
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Absent: None.

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THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

announces a draft TSCA approval and public hearing for WAYNE DISPOSAL, INC. LANDFILL, BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) announces the availability of a draft Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) approval to revise operations at the Wayne Disposal, Inc. (WDI) landfill in Belleville, Michigan. WDI is a hazardous waste and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste landfill located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive in Belleville, Michigan.

The draft TSCA approval would allow WDI to modify the landfill design to add new capacity to accept PCB waste. In addition, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) recently has given public notice of its intent to issue a state hazardous operating license modification, which would allow the use of additional capacity previously authorized in WDI’s current license.

The U.S. EPA will accept comments on the draft TSCA approval through June 11, 2001, and will hold a joint public hearing with the MDEQ on:

Wednesday, May 23, 2001, 7 p.m.
Belleville High School
501 West Columbia, Belleville, Michigan

The U.S. EPA will evaluate and respond to all significant public comments on its draft TSCA approval submitted during the comment period, including those received at the public hearing. Written comments must be postmarked by June 11, 2001, and mailed to Denise Battaglia, U.S. EPA, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (P-19J), Chicago, Illinois 60604. The U.S. EPA will respond to these comments in a responsiveness summary, which will be available to the public when a final decision is made.

The draft TSCA approval, WDI application, and related documents are available for review at the following locations:

Fred C. Fischer Library 167 Fourth Street Belleville, Michigan (734) 699-3291	Van Buren Township 46425 Tyler Road Belleville, Michigan Contact: Brian Ballard (734) 699-8926	U.S. EPA 77 West Jackson Boulevard (P-19J) Chicago, Illinois Contact: Denise Battaglia (312) 886-9859 or (800) 621-8431 battaglia.denise@epa.gov
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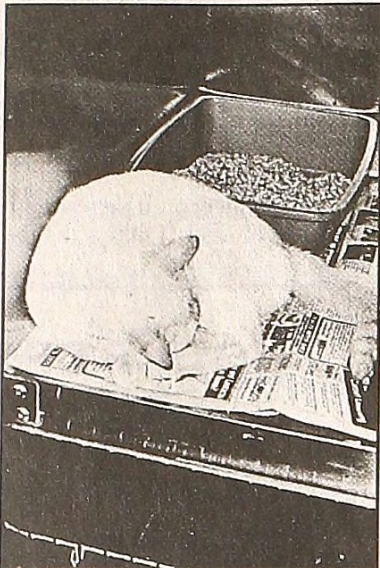
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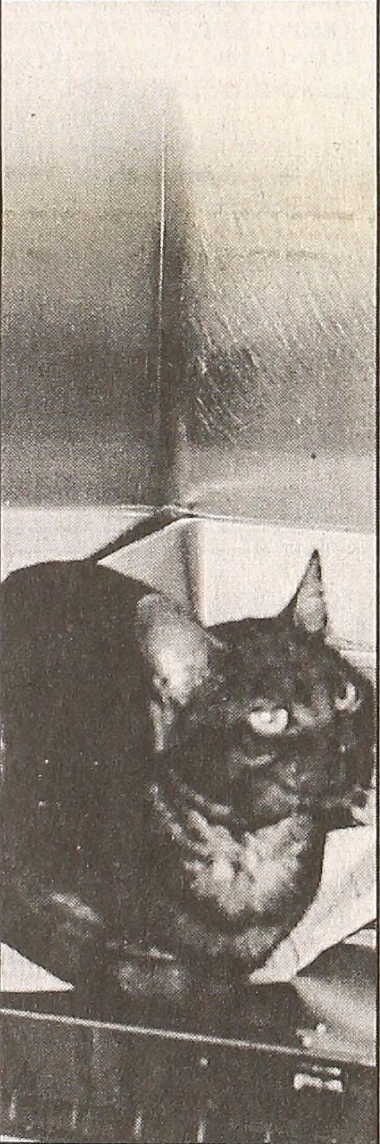
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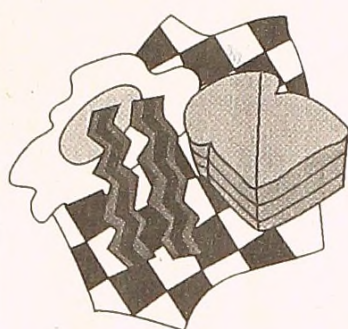


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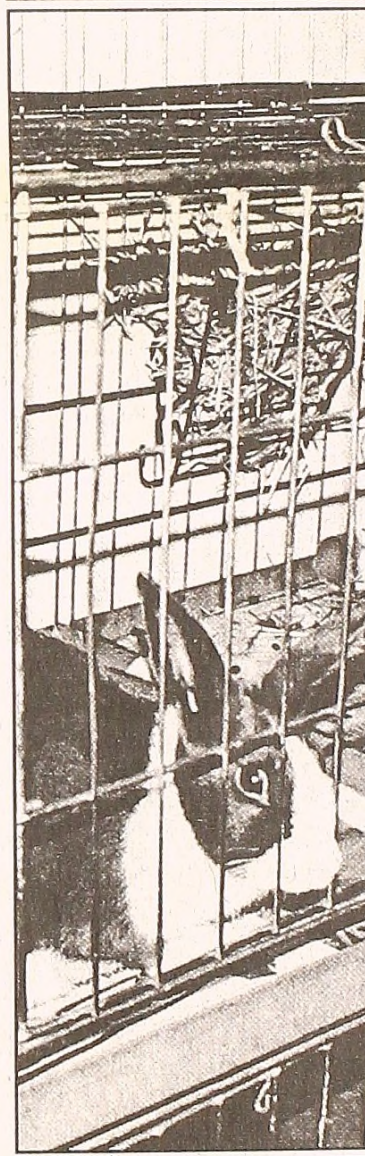
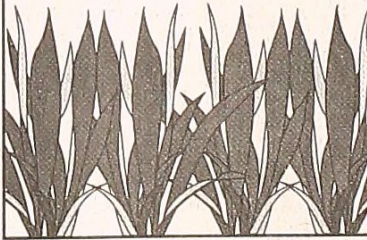


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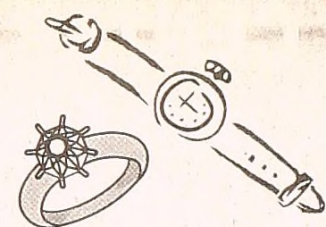


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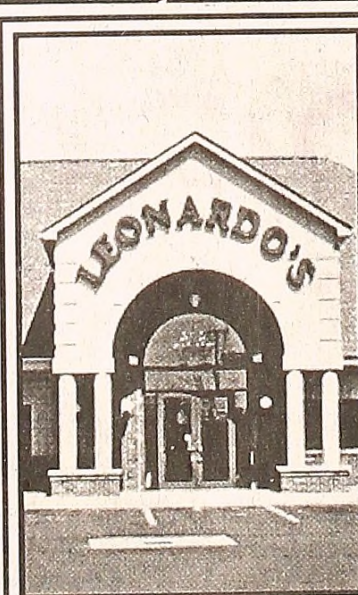
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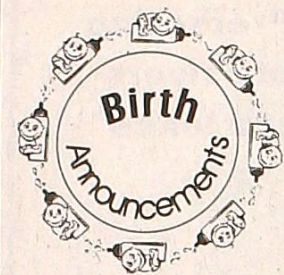
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MADISON SIMON FISCHER

Born: February 24, 2001
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Westland revs up for first Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society and Westland are proud to announce their first annual partnership to host Relay For Life, the Society's national signature event. The 24-hour event will be held at Central City Park beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 2.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a unique community event that allows individuals from all walks of life to celebrate life for survivors, to remember loved ones lost and to rally together as a community to fight cancer. "The Westland area has shown tremendous enthusiasm for this event, and we are

looking forward to a great relay this year," said Barb Iovan, Community Development Director, American Cancer Society.

Kicking off the relay is a victory lap of cancer survivors around the track. And as the sun goes down, luminarias line the track in remembrance of those touched by cancer and remind participants of the incredible importance of their contribution.

To participate in the Relay For Life or for more information about the event, please call Barb Iovan at (248) 557-5353.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPATCH RENOVATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for Dispatch Renovation. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "DISPATCH RENOVATION" and submitted to the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. EST Friday, May 25, 2001. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. Mandatory pre-bid Tour: Tuesday, May 15, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted only on provided bid forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

Publish: May 10, 2001

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Michigan has the highest automobile industry employment in the country. With nearly 22 percent of the state's workforce employed in either the automobile industry or in a job dependent on the auto industry, according to a new University of Michigan study.

"The automobile industry is the largest manufacturing industry in the country, and Michigan is its epicenter," said Alliance President & CEO Josephine S. Cooper. "Nearly a quarter of Michigan's population is employed in either the auto industry or a job dependent on the auto industry, proving that automakers are the engine that drives the economy."

The landmark study, "Contribution Of The Automotive Industry To The U.S. Economy," was prepared by University of Michigan and the Center for Automotive Research. In addition to the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers also sponsored the study. For more information, log on to <http://www.autoalliance.org>.

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OBITUARIES

COX, RACHEL, passed away April 24 as a result of an automobile accident. She was born June 29, 1983 to Robin L. (Coldiron) Cox and the late James K. Cox. Rachel attended Belleville High School and was employed at Tim Horton's. She was known for her love of music, poetry, art, unfailing kindness and generosity. Rachel will be remembered as one of the sweetest blossoms in God's garden. She is survived by her mother Robin; stepfather James O. Burnett; most beloved brother James Matthew; stepbrother Brandon; and stepsister Carrie. Her dear companion Michael Clark will especially miss her. Her paternal grandmother Joy Cox; maternal grandfather Bobby L. Coldiron; step-grandparents William and Shirley Burnett; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends will treasure Rachel's memory. Her father, James Cox; paternal grandfather, Robert Cox; and Aunt Wendy Dixon Clayton preceded her in death. The family received visitors at the David C. Brown Home, Belleville. Funeral services followed. Memorial contribution may be made in her honor to the Belleville High School Vocal Music Program or Girlstown Foundation.

KISH, EDNA, 88 of Belleville, passed away April 28. Beloved wife of Steve Kish. Dear moth-

er of Donald A. Hoffend of Canton. Dear daughter of the late Joseph and Martha (Stankowski) Bargowski. Dear sister of Mae Henniger of Interlochen, MI; Dorothy Slowik of Garden City; Harold (Marjorie) Barr of Farmington Hills; George Barr of Belleville; and Raymond (Margaret) Barr of North Bend, Oregon. She was preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters. Funeral mass was held at St. Anthony's Church, where she was a member, with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Arbor Hospice. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

MARTIN SR., LAWRENCE FERNANDO, 64 of Romulus, passed away April 24. Loving husband of Minerva Martin. Beloved father of Lawrence Fernando Martin, Jr. of Detroit, Michael (Jennifer) Martin of Detroit, Dana (Eric) Martin of Detroit, and James Martin of Romulus. Dear brother of Philip West of Southfield and Mary Martin of Southfield. Dear nephew of Thelma Martin of Belleville. Loving grandfather of Chanel Martin, Michael Martin II, Clon Martin, Erica Martin, Leonard Strickland, Lawan Gamon,

and Emon Gamon. He was preceded in death by his parents and son Kevin Martin. He was an honorably discharged veteran from the United States Air Force. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason with the Jimmy Lumford Lodge #45 in Detroit. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Valley AME Church, Belleville with Pastor Andre Spivey officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery.

REED JR., MAURICE ANTONIO, 2 1/2 months of Lima, Ohio passed away April 25. Infant son of Maurice A. Reed Sr. and Jamie L. (Campbell) Reed. Dear brother of Willie Reynolds Reed, Anthony Reed of Wayne, and Zachary Reed of Wayne. He is also survived by Grandparents Marcus and Viola Reed of Wayne; Jerry and Donna Campbell of New Bremen, Ohio; and Karen Keith of Lima, Ohio. Great-grandparents Viola Adams of Wayne; Juanita Reed of Detroit; James and Jean Campbell of St. Mary's; and Roberta Stone of Devil Lake, MI. Funeral services were held at Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home with Rev. Howard Allison officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Park Babyland. Condolences can be E-mailed to chfh@nicsweb.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 15, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property

Parcels with tax ID number V125-83-081-99-0012-001 and V125-83-081-99-0012-703, located in the N.E. 1/4 of Section 21, or more commonly known as 46255 I-94 South Service Drive. This property is located at the south east corner of the South Service Drive and Quirk Road intersection.

The applicant is requesting, Special Use Approval to provide a nine thousand nine hundred (9,900) square feet building addition to an existing bowling alley facility. The subject property is zoned C-1, General Business District. Bowling alleys are permitted as a Special Use in the C-1 district per Section 12.03.b of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Development until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting.

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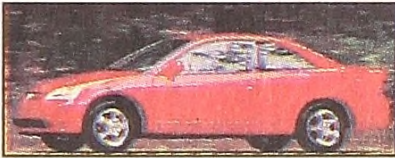


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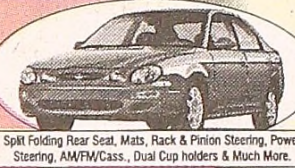


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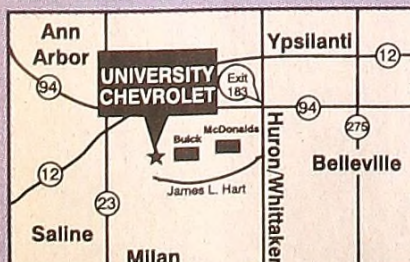
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